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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

[Letters addressed to "Correspondence" will receive attention in this column. Inquiries are solicited.]

Q. What is the tonnage of the battleship Mississippi? T. B.

A. Thirteen thousand tons.

Q. What per cent. of salt is there in the water of the Great Salt Lake? R. L. G.

A. About 22 per cent.

Q. On what day of the week fell February 6, 1887? 3. When will Monday be Christmas day and the first day of the year again? J. A. G.

A. 1. Sunday. 2. In 1916.

Q. When did Tennessee have a republican governor prior to Governor Hooper's election? R. C. S.

A. In 1861, when Governor Alvin Hawkins was elected.

"Daily Reader" submits "philoprogenitiveness" as the longest word in the dictionary. It has twenty letters, but "incomprehensibility," which J. W. M. sends in, also has twenty letters, so it is a tie.

Q. Which is the heavier, quicksilver or lead? P. W. Y.

A. Mercury is slightly heavier than lead. Its specific gravity is 13.57, while that of lead is 11.35.

Q. Is there any State examination for dentists in the Dominion of Canada? R. B. J.

A. Address the Hon. John G. Foster, Consul-General of the United States, Ottawa, Canada, for full information, enclosing return postage.

Q. Was 1900 a leap year? A. J.

A. No. Only those century years are leap years that can be divided by 4 without a remainder, like 1600, which was a leap year. Thus 1700, 1800 and 1900 were not leap years.

Q. How many national banks are there? T. J. M.

A. On July 1, 1911, there were 7,163 national banks in the United States. There were also 12,843 State banks, 685 mutual savings banks, 1,349 stock savings banks and 1,251 loan and trust companies.

Q. 1. Are Chinese born in the United States allowed to vote? 2. When were they disfranchised? 3. What day of the week was March 29, 1882? J. C. G.

A. 1 and 2. By the laws of 1882 the naturalization of Chinamen is prohibited. 3. Wednesday.

Q. Which can make the best time for a mile, an automobile or a motorcycle? Also, for two miles? G. C. B.

A. The automobile holds both records this year, having done the mile in 25.40 seconds and two miles in 51.28 seconds. For the mile the motorcycle record is 41.1-5 seconds; two miles, 1 minute 24.1-5 seconds.

Q. When and where was the first newspaper published in America? G. T.

A. At Boston, in 1689. The name of it was Public Occurrences and it was so radically democratic, and outspoken that the magistrates, smothered it the first day it appeared. The first newspaper to become comparatively permanent was the Boston News-Letter, issued in April, 1704, at Boston.

Q. Who wrote the poem beginning:

"Why should the spirit of mortal be proud?" E. D.

A. William Knox (1789-1825). It is from his "Songs of Israel," and the lines are as follows:

"Oh why should the spirit of mortal be proud? Like a fast-fitting meteor, a fast-flying cloud, A flash of the lightning, a break of the wave, He passes from life to his rest in the grave."

Q. Who invented wireless telegraphy? C.

A. Professor Hertz demonstrated the possibility of sending electric waves through the air in 1887. Dr. Branly discovered the utility of the "coherer," which is a glass tube filled with iron filings, for transmitting signals, and Sir Oliver Lodge applied Dr. Branly's coherer to a telegraph receiver in 1894. Marconi took up the work in 1895 and applied the wireless, after many improvements, to commercial purposes. There are now many different systems of wireless in use, each country having systems for military and commercial purposes.

Q. What professions are represented in Congress? M. T.

A. The official classification for the House is: Lawyers, 220; public officials, 58; bankers, 17; editors, publishers, stock raisers, planters and authors, 3 of each; mining, merchants and contractors, each 2; physicians, 5; farmers, 17; manufacturers, 10; real estate, 11; lumber, 4; journalism, 9; two retired from business and one each of the following occupations: Naval constructor, stone, nursery, building, lecturing, teaching, hatter, coils, steamboating, coal, shipping, advertising, fertilizer, gas, towing, undertaking and cattle.

Q. 1. What mathematician was killed while demonstrating a geometrical problem in the sand? 2. On what occasion did Clay say: "Sir, I would rather be right than President"? S. L. H.

A. Archimedes met such a fate. He was one of the most famous of the ancient geometricians. Archimedes was sitting in the market place in Syracuse at the time the Romans captured the city, contemplating a problem which he had drawn in the sand. A Roman soldier spoke to him, but Archimedes exclaimed: "Do not disturb my circle." Whereupon the soldier struck him down. 2. In a speech on the compromise measure in 1850.

Q. When and by whom was the change made in the calendar? S. L. B.

A. It was adopted in Great Britain in 1752 by dropping the eleven days between September 2 and 14 and the beginning of the year moved from March 25 to January 1. The new style calendar, therefore, began with us in 1753. It is known also as the Gregorian calendar, after Pope Gregory XIII., who directed a monk, Clavius, to work out the change. According to the Julian calendar, which was then in use (1582), a year was 11 minutes 14 seconds less than 365 days, and 235 mean lunations are about 1 hour 29 minutes less than nineteen Julian years. Clavius added a day to each fourth year, except century years not divisible by 4, which gives

us the leap years. The new style calendar is now used everywhere except in the Balkan States and in Greece, Russia having adopted it in 1902.

Q. 1. When was the Hepburn rate bill introduced in Congress? 2. Please give a brief sketch of William E. Gladstone. E. W. X.

A. 1. In the 1908 session. 2. William Ewart Gladstone was born in Liverpool in 1809 and graduated from Oxford University, entering Parliament shortly thereafter as member for Newark. In 1834 he was made Junior Lord of the Treasury and then Under Secretary for the Colonies. He became Colonial Secretary in 1846 and Chancellor of the Exchequer in 1852. Owing to an investigation as to the conduct of the Crimean war Gladstone resigned his post in 1855 and retired to private life. But Lord Palmerston made him a member of his ministry in 1859 and Gladstone's speeches on financial matters made him famous. A member of Parliament again in 1870 he introduced and had passed the Irish land bill. Both of his Irish bills were defeated, the second one in the House of Lords after it had passed the Commons. He was Liberal leader in Parliament when he resigned in 1894. Gladstone was the greatest parliamentarian of his time and one of the greatest of English public speakers.

Q. 1. What has been the career of Champ Clark? 2. Does the Speaker of the House of Representatives get more salary than any other Representative? H. R.

A. 1. Champ Clark was born in Anderson county, Kentucky, March 7, 1850. He attended the public school, Bethany College and the Cincinnati Law School. For the year from 1873 to 1874 he was president of Marshall College (W. Va.), but was admitted to the bar and practised at Bowling Green, Ky., where he became city attorney and later county prosecutor. From 1899 until the present he has been, with two exceptions, a member of each House of Representatives. He was permanent chairman of the Democratic National Convention in 1901, which nominated Judge Parker, and minority leader of the Sixtieth (second session) and Sixty-first Congresses, preceding his election to the Speakership. 2. His salary is \$12,000, while Congressmen receive \$7,500.

Fifty Years in Book Trade.

The Publishers' Weekly in the issue of January 20 gives an account of a dinner given by Henry Holt & Co., publishers, in honor of Joseph Vogelius of this town, treasurer of the company and who has been fifty years with the firm. Mr. Vogelius was presented with a loving cup. Mr. Vogelius, the paper says, has always worked indefatigably for the book trade. In 1879 he started the Bookellers and Stationers' Provident Association and was its first secretary. He also helped form the Bookellers' League in 1885.

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NEWARK THEATRES

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A. H. Wood's spectacular production of "The Littlest Rebel," with Dustin and William Farnum in the star roles, is scheduled for a limited engagement at the Newark Theatre, beginning February 5. This play has created widespread interest throughout the country and is sure to meet with a record attendance. "The Littlest Rebel" is crowded with thrilling incidents of the Civil war and dramatic climaxes at the end of each act which arouse an audience to the highest pitch of enthusiasm. The thrilling battle scene in the third act in which 150 people and a troop of flying cavalry take part never fails to receive curtain calls.

PROCTOR'S THEATRE.

The maximum of talent in the number of acts that go to make up the bill designed for particular theatre goers is again represented in the programme that will occupy the stage at Proctor's Theatre during the coming week. The name of that unique and interesting character, Chuck Connors, at the head of the programme is enough in itself to indicate the character of the bill. "After Dark in Chinatown" is the title of the play. No less attractive are William H. Murphy and Blanche Nichols in the burlesque, "From Zaza to Uncle Tom." Others are Ward and Curran in the successful skit, "The Terrible Judge," Lyons and Yosco, harpist and singer; Eddie Leonard of Docksader's Minstrels, who with Mabel Russell will appear in "The Maid and Minstrel;" Stella Karl; the Wheelers in a farcical skit, "Fun on the Boulevard," and the photo plays.

GAYETY THEATRE.

The attraction at the Gayety Theatre next week, beginning with the matinee Monday, will be the old favorites, "The Jersey Lilies," who are in their eighth season and have made an enviable reputation for this popular class of entertainment. Two burlesques are provided and an olio of unsurpassed quality. The first burlesque is called "A Complicated Affair," full of funny situations and brimful of bright, catchy and tuneful music. The other burlesque, "Winning a Miss," is on the musical comedy order, full of wit and comedy. The feature of the olio is a strong dramatic act entitled "The Unwritten Law," played by five clever performers. February 12, The Trocadero.

Basket-Ball.

Last Tuesday the Bloomfield High School girls ran away from the Kearny High School girls to the tune of 31-6. The Bloomfielders had the game clinched from the start and completely outclassed their opponents. Captain R. Betts and M. Stone, the fast Bloomfield forwards, put up a good brand of basket-ball and had no trouble at all in finding the basket. The lineup: Bloomfield—M. Stone, r. f.; R. Betts, l. f.; R. Whiteman, c.; M. Johnson, c.; M. McDonald, r. g.; Patty Cleland, l. g.

Kearny—J. Jordan, r. f.; I. Ferry, l. f.; R. Molt, c.; R. Ringold, c.; E. Johnson, r. g.; L. Klein, l. g.

Goals—R. Betts, 8; M. Stone, 4; I. Ferry, 2; Foulis—R. Betts, 5; M. Stone, 2; I. Ferry, 3. Umpire—Miss Lambert Cornell. Referee—Mr. Best Howard.

Attendance—150.

The boys' team took a slump in their playing and met with defeat last Saturday at the hands of the Newman School. The Bloomfield boys put up a very poor game. The score was 40-14.

Wednesday the boys' team played Glen Ridge and defeated them by a score of 14-10. The Bloomfield five greatly outweighed their opponents and should have rolled up a larger score than they did. Their passing was very poor and so was their shooting. At times the Glen Ridge five outplayed Bloomfield but they were unable to keep up the work for any length of time. The lineup:

Bloomfield—Harris, r. f.; Barker-Pinder, l. f.; Hamilton, c.; Cady, r. g.; Branstater, l. g.

Glen Ridge—Valentine, r. f.; Shortel, l. f.; Powers, c.; Mather, r. g.; Van Court, l. g.

Goals—Hamilton, 4; Harris, Cady, Valentine, 2. Score, at end of first half, Bloomfield, 7; Glen Ridge, 6. Score at end of game, Bloomfield, 14; Glen Ridge, 10. Referee—Mr. Meekler. Umpire—Mr. Rawson. The next game that the Bloomfield boys will play will be, February 10, when they meet the Richmond Hill High School at Berkeley court.

Almost Lost His Life.

S. A. Stid of Mason, Mich., will never forget his terrible exposure to a merciless storm. "It gave me a dreadful cold," he writes, "that caused severe pains in my chest, so it was hard for me to breathe. A neighbor gave me several doses of Dr. King's New Discovery, which brought great relief. The doctor said I was on the verge of pneumonia, but to continue with the Discovery. I did so and two bottles completely cured me." Use only this quick, safe, reliable medicine for coughs, colds, or any throat or lung trouble. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by all druggists.

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